



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert Chau et al.

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For: A METHOD FOR MAKING
A SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE HAVING A
HIGH-K GATE DIELECTRIC

Which is a Continuation of Application:

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of December 1, 2004, applicants respectfully request the examiner to enter the following amendment, which presents rejected claim 21 in better form for consideration on appeal. In addition, applicants request consideration of the accompanying remarks, which explain why this amended claim is patentable over the references cited. Given that explanation, applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider the rejection of claim 21 and its dependent claim 38, and to allow these claims to issue.